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ANTITRUST DIVISION NAMES NEW DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR REGULATORY MATTERS

R. Hewitt Pate to Serve as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Regulatory Matters

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Charles A. James, Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust, today announced that R. Hewitt Pate has been appointed to serve as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General in charge of regulatory matters. Pate will oversee airline, transportation, energy and other regulatory matters for the Division.

"Hew brings substantial and well grounded experience to the Antitrust Division across the board," James said. "His experience with airline and intellectual property matters underline his importance to the Division as it addresses key issues in these areas. He will be an asset to the Department of Justice."

From 1990 until assuming his post at the Department, Pate practiced with Hunton & Williams, where he was a partner on the firm's Antitrust team. There, he gained significant experience litigating cases involving regulation of the competitive process, including antitrust, patent, trademark, trade secrets, false advertising and other business torts.

Additionally, Pate is a frequent lecturer and author of articles related to antitrust and other legal matters. In 1999, he served as the Ewald Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Virginia, teaching Intellectual Property/Unfair Competition and Law of the Political Process.

He received his BA with honors from the University of North Carolina in 1984 and received his JD from the University of Virginia in 1987, where he graduated first in his class and was a member of Order of the Coif. In addition to being recognized for having the best written work in his class, he was the Executive Editor of the Law Review.

Following law school, Pate clerked for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy (1989-1990), former Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr. (1988-1989), and Judge Harvie Wilkinson III, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1987-1988).

He is a member of the Virginia Bar and immediate past chair of its Antitrust Section. He is also a member of the American, Virginia and Richmond Bar Associations, as well as the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference.